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LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that the air force of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has embarked upon a systematic destruction of the power grid of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Either by missiles or cluster bombs with carbon filaments that damage wires conducting electricity, NATO planes destroy or render inoperable power plants, transformer stations and transmission lines, causing power outages all over the country.

By its action, NATO has brought about a humanitarian catastrophe of unseen proportions, denying the entire population of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia food, water and drugs and depriving its industry of power sources. The advent of warm weather increases the risk of infectious diseases, even of epidemics.

The Security Council is duty-bound to condemn this action of NATO, which constitutes a flagrant violation of the Geneva conventions and international law and to use its authority to stop the NATO aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in order to prevent the disaster threatening the existence of all of its 11 million citizens.

I should be very grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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